

Subject: Students and alumni of the NSEI protest its closure (letter to President Wolfe)

Dear President Wolfe,

Students and alumni are properly upset by the recent closure of the Nuclear Science and Engineering Institute (NSEI) at the University of Missouri, Columbia campus. We protest what we consider is disregard for the interests of students and alumni of the institute despite the significant stake they have in its closure. Students and alumni of the NSEI will suffer substantial monetary and professional damage as a result of recent actions by the university and we don't believe the manner in which the institute was closed reflects an appropriate level of thoughtfulness and due diligence. We expand upon student and alumni grievances with the closure of the NSEI in the attached letter (provided in both word and pdf format) and issue a plea for your assistance in rectifying an irrational move by the University of Missouri.

Following the salutation is an initial list of over 52 students and alumni of NSEI and alumni of MU Nuclear Engineering who have explicitly endorsed the attached letter. We anticipate more will express a desire to endorse the letter as word regarding the NSEI's closure spreads. They will be directed to send their endorsements individually and cc me in an email to you that includes a copy of the attached letter. Eventually, the additional endorsements will be integrated with the attached letter.

Events surrounding the institute's closure are evolving rapidly and students and alumni may continue to express concerns not addressed in the attached letter. We'll address new issues in separate correspondences as they crop up. One NSEI student had a specific concern regarding the website and the fact that it has already been removed by the university. His concern is that employers trying to validate his degree may assume fraud if they cannot easily find an association of the NSEI with the University of Missouri. We ask the university to restore the website and simply indicate the program is going through restructuring.

The Board of Curators and members of local news media are cc'd to this email.

Best regards,

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The following students and alumni of NSEI and alumni of MU Nuclear Engineering explicitly endorse the attached letter:

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